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Attached please find the following documents to be entered in the above application:

1. Amendment and Remarks responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2003 (16 pages)
2. Declaration Under Rule 131, with attachment (8 pages)
3. Declaration Of Larry D. McMillan, with attachment (22 pages)

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Dear Sir:

These Remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2003. A Declaration under Rule 131 by the inventors is enclosed. A Declaration of Larry D. McMillan under Rule 132 also is enclosed.

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